

Urges ITC to implement anti-dumping measures on Chinese Tires

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Washington, DC □□ –Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) testified before the U.S. International Trade Commission today in support of a Section 421 petition supported by the United Steelworkers’ against the flood of Chinese tires into the domestic market. From 2004-2008, we have experienced a surge of nearly 300 percent in dollar terms and over 200 percent by volume. Meanwhile, U.S. production of tires has declined by 25 percent and four plants around the country have closed. This reality strongly indicates that China is dumping tires into the U.S. domestic market, a clear violation of its World Trade Organization accession agreement.

“The people in my District and in the State of Ohio need the opportunity to regroup against this flood of consumer tire imports, particularly during a recession,” Congressman Tim Ryan told the ITC panel.

“It is crucial to restore fair competition for manufacturing jobs, and, thus, ensure they are ready to play a role in our economic recovery and long-term prosperity.”

Section 421 of the Trade Act of 1974 was amended by the US-China Relations Act of 2000. Section 421 sets a lower burden of proof for harm to a sector of the economy as a result of product dumping and provides restrictions that **only apply to imports from China**. The ultimate decision on remedy remains with the President.

